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CINCINNATI ENDANGERED

Fire Destroys the Finest Square in
the Entire City, Entailing
a Heavy Loss.

FAMOUS ACTRESS SUFFERS

Fire Started in the Basement of
a Grocery and It Was Not
Long Before Buildings
Were Ashes.

Cincinnati, Feb. 26.—This city was to-
day visited with the most disastrous
fire in its history. About 1:30 this
morning flames were discovered in the
cellar of George Joffe's grocery in the
Pike building. An hour later there was
an explosion, supposed to come from
liquors in storage and the flames soon
afterward shot up through the roof of
the six-story stone front building, and
from that time on for several hours the
fire was beyond control.

Over half of the best square in the
city was destroyed. The square is
bounded by Vine, Fourth, Walnut and
Third streets and was conceded to be
the most solidly constructed portion of
the city of Cincinnati.

That half north of Baker alley, with
the exception of the Carlisle building
is in ruins while the American Book
company, a publishing house, and other
concerns on the south side of Baker
alley were also burned out. The prop-
erty loss is the largest by fire in the
history of the city. One of the heav-
iest losses is Henrietta Crossman com-
pany which was at the Pike opera
house.

The total loss tonight is estimated
from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

There are over 400 different losses,
ranging from small amounts up to as
high as \$300,000 and \$400,000 each.

The burning embers were carried for
miles, the Kentucky suburbs being
covered with them. The fire depart-
ments of Covington, Newport and other
Kentucky towns came promptly to the
assistance of the local firemen and it
was noon before their combined efforts
had the fire under control. Crews were
at work all the time on the roofs of
surrounding buildings and a general
conflagration was narrowly averted.

It was perhaps the greatest scare the
city ever had, and it was thought at
one time that the entire business sec-
tion of the city was doomed, and such
would have been the case if there had
been brisk winds.

Joseph Schaefer and John Keenan
were seriously injured by falling walls,
but both will recover. Although there
are reports of persons being missing, it
is thought that no lives were lost.

Captain O'Keefe, with seven firemen
was caught on the roof of one of the
buildings and came near perishing
when the flames broke out under them
but they were rescued by ladders. The
fire wiped out some of the landmarks of
the city.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The military and
civil authorities here have received
dispatches from a number of points
situated in the region of the Colima vol-
cano, giving accounts of the terrorism
that prevails among the people on ac-
count of the active eruption of that
volcano, says a dispatch to the Trib-
une from Guadalajara, Mexico.

According to the reports received
here from Tuxpan and other towns sit-
uated near the volcano, the aspect of
the eruption is gaining constantly. The
people are fleeing from the stricken
region and their terror is intensified
by the severe earth tremblings which
have taken place at frequent intervals
since the eruption began.

Robinson, is making an inspection trip
over this extension and it is reported
that they were at Tuxpan when the
most violent eruptions of the volcano
took place. Nothing has been heard
here from the party, but no uneas-
iness as to the safety of its members
is felt.

CHAMPION CORBETT FIGHTS 20-ROUND DRAW

San Francisco Man Puts Up Wonder-
ful Fight With Young
Corbett.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—After
20 rounds of the fastest fighting
ever seen in San Francisco, Ref-
eree Graney declared the bout be-
tween young Corbett of Denver
and Eddie Hanlon of San Francis-
co a draw.

The contest from a spectacular
standpoint was the best ever wit-
nessed on this coast. Corbett's ex-
perience and knowledge of the
game saved him on several occa-
sions from defeat. From the first
to seventh rounds Hanlon had a
shade the better of the contest,
but the seventh was the turning
point apparently in the tide of the
battle in Corbett's favor. At one
stage of this round it seemed as if
Hanlon could not ward off a knock-
out blow but his wonderful punish-
ment taking powers stood him in
good stead and the call of time was
a welcome sound for him. From
the seventh until the 20th, it was
a give and take contest and to the
pro-Hanlon house present it seem-
ed as if the decision should have
been his.

FRENCH-AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Count Boni Enthused Over the Idea
of Joining Two Republics.

New York, Feb. 26.—Count Boni Cas-
tellane has left for New York, says the
Paris representative of the American.
Before embarking at Cherbourg, he
said:

"The primary object of my visit is
to see my relatives and friends and to
bring back my wife and children. I
shall also visit Florida.

"While the trip gives me pleasure,
it is one of duty also. I would like
to speak of the United States in in-
creased ties and even a formal alliance between
the United States and France. This
is the physiological moment for such an
alliance, particularly as Germany is
showing such an extraordinary ap-
petite for European territory. If we had
such an alliance neither England nor
Germany nor any other country could
upset the peace of the world, nor could
all combined do so, for very soon the
American navy will be the greatest
in the world, just as our submarine
fleet is now the strongest.

"The grandest spectacle of the twen-
tieth century would be to see the two
greatest democracies defying the com-
bined monarchies of Europe. I trust
the lesson of Venezuela will not be lost
on the United States."

PEACE IS DOUBTFUL

Schemers May Keep Things Boiling In
Southern Europe.

New York, Feb. 26.—The impression
produced by the dispatches from south-
eastern Europe is that the powers have
spent a great deal of time in finding
out how little the sultan was willing
to do for Macedonia, cables the Trib-
une's London representative. The ac-
ceptance of the proposals is folled by
an announcement that there is no
money in the Turkish treasury for the
carrying of the reforms into effect.
The combined efforts of the powers
and sultan to maintain peace may be
counteracted at any day by intrigues
or marplots in Bulgaria or Macedonia.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

Young Colored Man Kills Negroess and
Then Himself.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 26.—William
P. Wallace a negro, 19 years old, shot
and fatally wounded Ailie Lewis, a
young colored girl, at midnight last
night, and then shot and killed him-
self in a resort in this city. No in-
otive for the crime is apparent, though
letters found in Wallace's pocket indi-
cated that the shooting was premed-
itated.

WILL AUCTION OFF JEWELS.

Oakland, Feb. 26.—The collection of
jewels valued at \$30,000 formerly owned
by Kate Castleton, the actress, are
to be sold at auction by her mother, Mrs.
Eliza Freeman of this city, who is the
administratrix of the estate.

J. J. BUTLER IS UNSEATED

Dramatic Scenes Enacted in House
of Representatives Yester-
day Morning.

MINORITY TRIES TO BOLT

Democrats Threaten to Block the
Wheels of Legislation and
Republicans Resort to
Drastic Measures.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Amid scenes
which recalled the memorable and ex-
citing days of the 51st congress, when
party feeling ran fiercely and the hall
of representatives resounded with de-
nunciations of alleged high-handed
methods of the majority, Jas. J. But-
ler (democrat) of Missouri was un-
seated today by the house and C. R.
Wagoner seated in his place.

The democrats had decided at their
caucus this morning that if the case
was called up they would prosecute a
filibuster from now until March 4, re-
gardless of the consequences upon leg-
islation and they began the fight as
soon as the gavel fell at noon. Roll
call followed and it took over three
hours to approve the journal of yester-
day's proceedings. Then when the
decks were cleared the case was called.

A spirited debate of two hours fol-
lowed and finally, after repeated roll
calls, the case was brought to a vote.
The democrats then attempted to
block things by leaving the hall, but
enough absentees finally were brought
in to make up a quorum.

The closing chapter was dramatic.
Daisell (Penn.) who was in the chair,
refused to recognize a demand for a
division and Richardson, minority lead-
er, stood in his place and denounced
his course in unmeasured terms, amid
jeers from the republican side. The
handful of democrats present were over-
riden rough shod and Wagoner was
seated.

The republican leaders, in deciding to
force this case to a vote, did so with a
perfect realization of the embarrass-
ment which would follow if the demo-
crats carried out their filibustering
threat and they have arranged a pro-
gram to reduce the minority's obstruc-
tive power to a minimum as far as ap-
propriation bills are concerned. This
is to be accomplished by a special rule,
which has been prepared, by which all
parliamentary steps for getting ap-
propriation bills with senate amend-
ments into conference can be cut off.

But later this afternoon the republi-
cans introduced the omnibus public
building bill and threatened to vote
against the rules unless it made pro-
vision for the bill. This disturbing
factor in the situation was not
straightened out tonight. The republi-
can program also includes a proposi-
tion to continue the executive day of
today until noon, March 4, in order to
obviate the long and tedious work of
approving journal against filibuster-
ing.

A recess was taken tonight until 11
o'clock, and a rule has been prepared
which hereafter will give the motion to
insist on proceeding over any motion to
adjourn. Under the operation of these
drastic measures it is believed that
none of the appropriation bills or other
necessary measures will be jeopardized
but the present situation undoubtedly
sounds the death knell of many min-
or measures.

SEEKING TURF HONORS.

Railroad President Buys Horses and
Will Race Coming Season.

New York, Feb. 26.—It is announced
here that William B. Leeds, president
of the Rock Island railroad, is an as-
pirant for turf honors, he having pur-
chased a half interest in the thorough-
breds owned by Andrew Miller, a mem-
ber of the Jockey club. Mr. Leeds will
race in his own name and colors this
season. The partnership has not been
registered with the Jockey club, neither
have the colors been claimed, but both
of these details will be attended to in
a few days. Frank Rogan, a well
known Kentucky horseman, was re-
cently secured to train the horses at
a salary of \$10,000 for the season.

CHAMBERLAIN IS LAUDED.

Colonial Secretary Praised From Every
Quarter on His African Mission.

New York, Feb. 26.—The departure of
Mr. Chamberlain from Cape Town is
the theme of laudatory articles in the
press on the results of his mission, says
the Tribune's London correspondent,
cableing today. Even the radical jour-
nals give him credit for indefatigable
energy and statesmanlike qualities in

a sustained attempt to restore harmony
in South Africa. Unionist writers as-
sert that he has not evaded a single
question and that his mission has been
crowned with success. South Africans
have taken an optimistic view, being
influenced by Dr. Jameson, who has
reported a marked improvement in af-
fairs in every quarter. He has even
expressed the confident hope that the
progressive party will carry the elec-
tions in Cape Colony. Dr. Jameson,
who is the real leader in that party,
will speedily return to Cape Town.
South Africans here find it difficult to
believe that Mr. Chamberlain has con-
verted the Boers and Cape rebels into
sincere imperialists, but they consider
that every disputed question has been
threshed out and that the Dutch are
convinced that nothing can be gained
by further agitation.

LINES WILL COMPETE.

Traffic Between Great Britain and
Canada Expected to Be Brisk.

New York, Feb. 26.—Allan line offi-
cials decline to confirm the statement
that negotiations are proceeding with
the Grand Trunk railway for the ac-
quisition of their fleet, says a London
cable to the Tribune. Shipping circles
in Liverpool and London, however,
confidently expect that the Grand
Trunk will at once take up the chal-
lenge of the Canadian Pacific railway
and enter upon a struggle to secure
the lion's share of the great accession
of traffic, which is looked for in the
near future between Canada and Great
Britain. Elder, Dempster & Co. will
retire from the Canadian trade alto-
gether when their steamers included
in the Canadian Pacific deal have been
transferred.

SCULPTOR SUFFERS SHAKEUP.

Horse Runs Away and Karl Bitter Is
Thrown to the Ground.

New York, Feb. 26.—Karl Bitter, the
well known sculptor, is suffering from
a shakeup received in a runaway ac-
cident. Mr. Bitter was driving a spiri-
ted horse attached to a light runabout
up Sixth avenue, when the horse be-
came frightened because of a passing
elevated train. It dashed onto the side-
walk, throwing Mr. Bitter and his
coachman out. The horses continued
up Sixth avenue, striking several teams
on the way and demolishing the run-
about. Later Mr. Bitter declared that
his injuries were not serious.

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Police Tried to Hold Young Man
Back Who Struggled Toward
President Roosevelt.

LEAD HIM INTO THE HALL

Great Mass Meeting in New York
in Honor of Character and
Labors of the Founder
of Methodism.

New York, Feb. 26.—President Roose-
velt was the chief speaker tonight at a
great mass meeting at Carnegie hall,
held to do honor to the character and
labors of John Wesley, founder of Me-
thodism. The meeting was held under
the auspices of the New York Thank
Offering commission which had charge
of the local work of the Twentieth cen-
tury thank offering fund of \$20,000,000
that has been raised by Methodists
throughout the country to celebrate the
Twentieth century of the Christian
era.

President Roosevelt reached the hall
escorted by a detachment of mounted
police at 8:30. As he alighted from his
carriage he was hailed by a young man
who was struggling in the crowd and
whom the police were trying to force
back.

"I am Mike Conina, Mr. President,
and I want to hear you speak," he
shouted. President Roosevelt instan-
taneously recognized him as the driver who
drove him on the last stage of his
journey to North Creek to take the
train for Buffalo after being notified of
the death of President McKinley.

"I am delighted to see you," replied
the president, who, addressing the po-
lice said, "Let the man pass." Grasp-
ing Conina's hand he led him into the
hall and saw that he had a seat near
him on the platform.

MEXICAN CLAIMS SETTLED.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Minister Bow-
en tonight signed a protocol for the
settlement of the claims of Mexico
against Venezuela.